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AMERICAN CONSERVATORY THEATRE (ACT)

REF: A) MOSCOW 2408, B) MOSCOW 1980, C) STATE 029915,
D) T/S FEBRUARY 19, E) MOSCOW 3801

1. ACT ACCEPTS DEPT/EMB POSITION THAT TWO PLAYS TO BE PERFORMED WILL BE "DESIRE" AND "MATCHMAKER". FYI. AT MARCH 10 PRESS CONFERENCE SOVCONGEN SAN FRANCISCO, DIRECTOR BALL'S ONLY COMMENT TO QUESTIONS RAISED RE REPERTORY WAS THAT DEPT PREFERRED PLAYS AUTHORED BY AMERICANS. FORWARDING SEPARATELY COPIES PRESS RELEASE. END FYI. TO QUOTE MCKENZIE "SHREW" NOW A DEAD ISSUE.

2. IN MARCH 10 AND 15 TELECONS WITH MCKENZIE/MOORE AGREEMENT REACHED ON TWENTY TWO PERFORMANCE SCHEDULE. BASED ON CONCERN FOR LOGISTICS FOR THREE CITY TOUR, PRODUCTION REQUIREMENTS, QUALITY OF PERFORMANCES, ACT NOT ABLE EXPAND
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SCHEDULE TO TWENTY FOUR PERFORMANCES. WE SUPPORT THIS

VIEW PARTICULARLY SINCE COMPANY'S PROPERTIES (SETS,

SETS, COSTUMES) NOW ESTIMATED AT MAXIMUM TWENTY FIVE THOUSAND POUNDS, VOLUME SIX THOUSAND CUBIC FEET, ONE HUNDRED SEVENTY CUBIC METERS.

3. TWENTY TWO PERFORMANCE SCHEDULE IN THREE CITIES AS FOLLOWS.

A. MOSCOW -12 PERFORMANCES) - "MATCHMAKER"(SHOW 1), WITH EVENING PERFORMANCES ON MAY 27, 28, 29, 31. MATINEE/EVENING PERFORMANCES MAY30.

--- "DESIRE" (SHOW II EVENING PERFORMANCES, JUNE 2, 3,

4, 5. MATINEE/EVENING PERFORMANCES JUNE 6.

B. LENINGRAD (5 PERFORMANCES). EVENING PERFORMANCES SHOW I JUNE 10, 11, 12. MATINEE/EVENING PERFORMANCES SHOW II JUNE 13.

C. RIGA (5 PERFORMANCES). EVENING PERFORMANCES SHOW I JUNE 17, 18, 19. MATINEE/EVENING PERFORMANCES SHOW II JUNE 20.

D. APPRECIATE REVISE ARTICLE II EMB CONTRACT WITH GOSK TO REFLECT NAMES BOTH PLAYS AS "MATCHMAKER" (SHOW I), "DESIRE" (SHOW II).
ACTUAL NUMBER PERSONS ON ACT TOUR NOT MORE THAN FORTY FIVE PLUS TWO ESCORTS. TOTAL FORTY SEVEN. MAXIMUM NUMBER SOVIET ACTORS REQUIRED FOR WALK-ON ROLES SIX; WILL BE USED FOR GUEST ROSTER IN "DESIRE".

5. MCKENZIE/MOORE ANXIOUS RECEIVE ASAP RUSSIAN TRANSLATION BOTH PLAYS FOR REVIEW. APPRECIATE FORWARD DEPT ASAP.

6. IN ADDITION ABOVE, FOLLOWING REFLECTS CHANGES OR ADDITIONS ON SPECIFIC TERMS AGREED UPON AND WHICH COVERED IN PRELIMINARY DRAFT CONTRACT (REF D). EXTENSIVE CHANGES IN PAGE 4 OF DRAFT CONTRACT MADE TO SIMPLIFY DEPARTURE-ARRIVAL SCHEDULES REQUIRED A RE-DO THIS PAGE WHICH BEING UNCLASSIFIED

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FORWARDED MARCH 19 POUCH . PARA EIGHT ON SAME PAGE ON SURFACE (RAIL) TRANSPORT OF COMPANY CHANGED TO REFLECT NEEDS FOR TWENTY TWO BERTH COMPARTMENTS ON "SOFT SLEEPER" TRAINS. FYI. IT WOULD BE PSYCHOLOGICALLY BENEFICIAL TO OBTAIN AGREEMENT FROM GOSK FOR MAXIMUM TWO BERTH COMPARTMENTS MOSCOW-LENINGRAD TRAVEL AS COMPANY WOULD BE BETTER PREPARED ACCEPT WHATEVER IS PRACTICABLE FOR BALANCE OF TRAVEL REQUIRED. END FYI.

A. ARTICLE III. DOING ALL POSSIBLE MEET DEADLINE DATES FOR PUBLICITY MATERIALS INCLUDING PHOTOS AND SYNOPSIS OF TWO PLAYS , SHORT BIOS, ROOMING LIST AND CAST LIST (LATTER TWO TO BE CABLED EMB), COMPANY ALSO SUBMITTING DAY BY DAY SCHEDULE FOR ENTIRE TOUR NLT MARCH 26. COMPLETE PERSONNEL MANIFEST (INCLUDING BIO DETAILS) TO BE FURNISHED GOSK NLT MARCH 15.

--- ADD NEW PARA (4) WHICH DESIGNED ACCOMMODATE TO SOVIET REGULATIONS RE FIREPROOFING OF THEATRE PROPERTIES. QUOTE THE GOVERNMENT HEREBY CERTIFIES THAT ALL SCENERY AND COSTUMES USED BY ACT WILL BE FIREPROOFED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE FIRE REGULATIONS CURRENTLY IN FORCE IN THE CITY OF SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA. A DOCUMENT ATTESTING TO THE ABOVE WILL BE AVAILABLE ON REQUEST END QUOTE.

B. ARTICLE IV-(PARA 1) ASSUME NAMES OF THEATERS IN EACH TO BE SPECIFIED IN FINAL CONTRACT

--- PARA SEVEN. HAVE INSERTED IN THIS PARA THAT GOSK WILL FURNISH LISTING OF HOTELS NLT MAY 10. ALSO PLEASE NOTE ACCOMMODATIONS FOR DOUBLES NOW REDUCED TO SIXTEEN DOUBLES.

--- PARA TEN ON FREE DAYS ACCEPTED.

--- PARA ELEVEN CHANGE 51 PERSONS TO FORTY SIX PERSONS.

--- PARA THIRTEEN ADD QUOTE IN ADDITION TO THE FIVE INTERPRETERS THERE WILL BE TWO MANAGERS, ONE OF WHOM WILL BE BI-LINGUAL. END QUOTE.

C. ARTICLE V. WE ACCEPT PER PERFORMANCE FEE DOLS EIGHT HUNDRED/EIGHT HUNDRED RUBLES AS FEE FALLS WITHIN RANGE OF FEE TERMS OUTLINED STATE 082336.

7. RE RETURN OF COMPANY'S TOUR PROPERTIES (ARTICLE IV-UNCLASSIFIED

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PARA 9, SUB-PARA G). ESTABLISHED RETURN DATE OF PROPERTIES QUOTE NLT JUNE 30. PRESENTS PROBLEMS TO ACT. AFTER REFLECTION OF COMPANY'S OPENING DATES IN HAWAII (JULY 6) AND FACT THAT PROPERTIES WOULD NEED TO BE SHIPPED FROM JFK TO HONOLULU VIA SAN FRANCISCO DURING JULY 4 HOLIDAY, MCKENZIE/MOORE INSIST THAT ALL PROPERTIES BE RETURNED TO U.S. (JFK) WITHIN JUNE 23-27 AND NLT JUNE 27. BECAUSE OF UNION REQUIREMENTS DEPT CONCERNED THAT AEROFLOT NOT ABLE ABSORB CUBIC VOLUME OF PROPERTIES EVEN IF SENT IN TWO SEPARATE SHIPMENTS (MORE MAY BE REQUIRED) DURING THIS TIME. ACT WITH DEPT SUPPORT SUGGESTS TWO STAGE CREW MEMBERS REMAINING BEHIND TO ASSURE SAFE RETURN ALL PROPERTIES FROM MOSCOW-JFK, AND AT GOSK EXPENSE. IT THEREFORE ESSENTIAL EMB OBTAIN GOSK'S AGREEMENT ASAP (1) ABSORB PER DIEM EXPENSES TO TWO ACT MEMBERS FOR TIME REQUIRED MOVE ALL

PROPERTIES MOSCOW- JFK, (2) MAKE NECESSARY TRAVEL ARRANGE-

MENTS MOSCOW-JFK FURNISHING DATE/TIME FLIGHT SCHEDULES FOR GUARANTEED ARRIVAL JFK NLT JUNE 27 WHICH TO BE INCORPORATED IN CONTRACT. ALTERNATIVE AND MORE EFFICIENT METHOD, WHICH ALSO MAY ECONOMICALLY BE BENEFICIAL TO GOSK IS TO MOVE PROPERTIES MOSCOW-JFK VIA SOV OR PAA CHARTER. WITH AGREEMENT FROM GOSK DEPT PREPARED DISCUSS SUCH ARRANGEMENTS WITH PAA AND ADVISE EMB OF TOTAL COST FOR THEIR REVIEW AND ACCEPTANCE.

8. ALSO, MCKENZIE/MOORE WOULD LIKE HAVE TWO MEMBERS OF STAGE CREW ARRIVE MOSCOW COUPLE DAYS PRIOR GROUP'S ARRIVAL WITH PROPERTIES. WE SUPPORT ACT REQUEST AND GOSK'S ACCEPTANCE OF EARLIER ARRIVAL FOR TWO STAGE CREW MEMBERS (PER DIEM TO BE ABSORBED BY GOSK) WOULD ASSURE EARLIEST MEETING WITH LOCAL STAGE CREW AND MINIMIZE DELAYS IN SET-UP ARRANGEMENTS AT NEW MXAT. THIS IN CONCERT WITH REQUEST MADE BY MCKENZIE/MOORE DURING ADVANCE VISIT THAT TWO OF ACT STAGE CREW TRAVEL TO EACH CITY ON ITINERARY IN ADVANCE OF COMPANY'S ARRIVAL.

9. FYI. WE CURRENTLY EXPLORING POSSIBLE CHARTER ARRANGEMENT FOR MOVEMENT OF ACT PERSONNEL AND PROPERTIES SAN FRANCISCO-MOSCOW WITH ETA ON MAY 24. WILL KEEP EMB INFORMED. END FYI.
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10. EMB SUPPORT AND ASSISTANCE DURING ADVANCE VISIT MUCH APPRECIATED BY ACT AND DEPT. WE HOPEFUL EMB WILL OBTAIN AGREEMENT FROM GOSK ON ABOVE-MENTIONED MATTERS AT MEETING SCHEDULED FOR NEXT WEEK. ADVISE ASAP. KISSINGER

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